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## Nichols meets with local superintendents

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Athens -- Sen. Robert Nichols (R-Jacksonville) met with local superintendents from Henderson County. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss education issues in preparation for the 85th Legislature which convenes in January.

"The Legislature faces many challenges this session, and we cannot make good decisions unless we are listening closely to those we represent," said Nichols. "Education is and always will be one of the most important issues we face as a state."

Before each legislative session Nichols meets with each of the school district Superintendents in Senate District 3 to listen to their priorities and discuss issues facing the local education community.

"We appreciate Senator Nichols being an outspoken advocate for public schools," said Blake Stiles, Athens ISD Superintendent and host of the meeting.

Senate District 3, which includes over 100 school districts throughout 19 counties, encompasses the greater part of East Texas and Montgomery County.

"These meetings help me to understand how decisions in Austin impact local schools," stated Nichols. "I appreciate the opportunity to meet with superintendents and discuss how we can continue improving our education system. Our combined goal is to ensure children have the educational tools they need to be successful."

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Photo Back Row L-R: Kemp ISD Superintendent Phil Edwards, Trinidad Superintendent Corey Jenkins, Senator Robert Nichols, Brownsboro ISD Superintendent Tommy Hunter, Athens ISD Superintendent Blake Stiles

Photo Front Row L-R: Eustace ISD Superintendent Coy Holcombe, Eustace ISD Asst. Superintendent Janice Beasley, Eustace ISD Asst. Superintendent Stan Sowers, Cross Roads ISD Richard Tedder